


Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-9 and 11-22 were pending at the time of the Office Action. Claims 2 and 15-22 were found patentable by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Claim 1 is canceled herewith, and claim 2 is cast in independent format. All other claims are amended herewith as needed such that they depend from an allowed claim, and thus these claims are also patentable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and early allowance of the claims as amended.

Respectfully submitted,



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